

## FOOD CONSERVATION WORK.

Washington, D. C.—The American people are depending upon the United States Food Administration to see that our soldiers, allies and ourselves have plenty of food at as reasonable a price as the war conditions will allow. This is one thing to remember, that we are living in war times; hence we must govern ourselves accordingly.

The number of Food Administration window cards in the windows of loyal homes is one of the best signs that they who pass may see that the people of these homes have pledged themselves to do what they can. Government asks them to do in the saving of wheat, meat, fats and sugar, by using less of these foods and substituting other foods in their stead. No don't be a slacker. Let other people know that you are with them in doing your "bit." If you have no card in your window, write to the Federal Food Administration of your state. If you want to have that "great, grand and glorious feeling," do all the things your Government asks you to do.

The Food Administration does not want you to go hungry. The Food Administration wants you to have plenty to eat, but you are asked to eat all you want of those foods which we must ship to our soldiers and the Allies. Eat a little less wheat, meat, fats and sugar, and all you need of the other foods. Patriotic people are cheerfully making personal sacrifices in their eating. This is not the time for the "big eat."

The United States Food Administration has had a commission merchant punished because he allowed several car loads of potatoes to deteriorate. It was found that this commission merchant would have allowed the potatoes to spoil rather than place them on the market for sale. It was a surprise to him when he received a summons to appear before the D. C. Food Administrator to have his license to do business, taken from him at once. The Food Administration does not intend that any persons, such as commission merchants or wholesale dealers, who handle large quantities of food, shall allow food stuffs to spoil, or to become unfit for use as foods. It is also unlawful for food dealers to store food longer than a reasonable time, after which time this food must be placed on the market so that the people can buy it. Thus dealers cannot put food stuffs in large warehouses or cold storage, and then keep them for a long time and sell them when the price is high. Through the prevention of the hoarding of food for a long time it will be possible for the people to secure food at a lower price than would otherwise be possible during war time.

A coal dealer in Washington was reported to have in storage three hundred or more tons of coal. This coal should have been sold to the people. He may be allowed to sell coal when the war is over, but at the present time, and as long as the war lasts, he will not be allowed to buy or sell coal as a dealer. This is the punishment by the Fuel Administration. A few such examples here and there will convince those who are dealing in food and fuel and are trying to profit by war conditions, that the Government is in earnest. You see that we must be patient and have confidence in our Government. It takes time to do things and there are many things being done for your benefit by your Government which you never know. Read your papers and you will soon learn some of these appreciate what our Government is trying to do for us all.

The thought "FOOD WILL WIN THE WAR" is giving our enemies much concern. There are rumors and rumors being circulated among women, that our Government intends to take a part of all of their canned fruits and vegetables for the use of our soldiers. These rumors are untrue and start from enemy agents who try to make the American people dissatisfied with their own Government. Those persons, here among us, who try to influence people against their Government by fault-finding and spreading the tales told them by our enemies are just as dangerous to our country as the Germans are. The following statement has been issued on this subject by Herbert Hoover, United States Food Administrator:

"We have reports from various parts of the country of crooks, thieves and confidence operators who are going from house to house purporting to be authorized by the Food Administration and other Departments of the Government to collect or commandeer foodstuffs for the Government or the Army."

I wish to say emphatically that no department of the Government has or will ever make such demands on householders, and that all such people are petty frauds and should be held for the police. The Government agencies are investigating various cases and information is sought of all such persons by this Department."

Bishop J. M. Connor, D. D., of the African Methodist Episcopal Church who is now holding conference in Arkansas and Oklahoma, has been strong in advising his people to take an active part in doing anything within their power to help win the war and establish democracy for the civilized world. The preachers are not only advised to encourage the young men to enlist, but the preachers are asked to speak at least one sermon each month on the conservation of food.

"Food must win the war," declared the Bishop in an address before two thousand people, "and at least must play an important part, and long since the Government has decided that the Negro will have to assist in this great campaign. I am looking after the distribution of food cards in every home and that it is duly signed and then teach them what it means."

Every member of the conference has signed a food conservation card, and special sermons were preached on Thanksgiving Day throughout Bishop Connor's district by the ministers on "Food Conservation."

The meatless Tuesdays and the wheatless Wednesdays are becoming popular throughout the United States. All Americans who thoroughly understand these two days are willing to observe them and the race must not be a whit behind. It is meant that on each Tuesday in the month we are to make up our meals without meat. Of course you may

eat fish, and chicken, but the meats which are to go to feed the soldiers can be cut out. On Wednesday we are to do without eating wheat bread. Corn or rye can be used in its stead. Every one who observes these days will be helping his country to win the war.

## BIRTH OF LYNCHERS.

The greatest agitator kind friends, To lynch, on this earth. Comes through our daily papers. That's where they get their birth.

When you read a daily paper, You'll find Nigger, in its worst term, And if caught the burly black brute Will be quietly, by a mob burned.

There never was a mob on earth, Although in its quietest way, Would take a man and lynch him, Then not have a dot to pay.

Our Saviour, in some unknown way, Will work this theory out, We shall put all our trust in Him, Justice will reign, I have no doubt.

A mob leader is a brave hero, In some of the southern states, We need such people in the Army, To cause the Kaiser's fate.

Then should a Negro protect his own, A desperado he is termed, And by the niggers of the white race, Such men are quietly burned.

If the laws would give protection, To whom protection is due, And sit rape cases to the bottom, Then lynching would be quite through.

Just a few years back, not long ago, This happened in a southern state, A white man blacked his face, And committed a notorious rape.

For this crime, a Negro perished, Yes the victim was hanged to a pole, But I am glad there's a time coming, When the lynchers must answer God's roll.

In writing these few verses, I tried to make words rhyme, In dealing justice out to one, We sometimes find two of a kind.

My country 'tis of thee, O Justice, All you ever see, What the Negro can plainly see, America is the land of the brave and free.

—PERRY H. BOND.

## MR. JANUARY GETS LITTER FROM CAMP MEADE.

Office of Commanding Officers of Co. L, 36th Infantry Camp Meade, Maryland, December 2nd, 1917.

Dear Sir:—

I guess you think that we have forgotten you, every thing is sweet at Old Camp Meade. The boys are all in fine health, and good spirits, and often talk about you all, we are having very cool weather up here, but very dry and pleasant. Below will be found a list of appointments on Dec 1st.

## SERGTS.

Oley B. Watkins, 1st Sergt., Morgan B. Wells, Oliver L. Williams, George W. Brown, Wilfred F. Bright, Joseph E. Anderson, Stonewall J. Hopkins, Abe Moore, John H. Franklin, Meredith G. Ferguson, Bon Rogers, Walter Jackson, Robert L. Hendren, Isiah Ingaham, Chester Westfield.

## CORPORALS.

George W. Brown, Noah W. McKay, Henry A. Glenn, Nathaniel Gilbert, William Chavers, Timothy Fuller, William H. Perkins, William Farmer, Sampson Dell Grant Carney, William Anderson, Jim Anderson, L. D. Anderson, Clabor Beard, Claude Berry, Cleveland Bolden, Will Bomer, Malone Dannel, Booker Donelson, George Fuga, Thomas Hamlet, Horace Messer, Abby Montague, Jeff Whitaker, Richard H. Petway, William H. Howland, James R. Hill, David Hines, R. A. Ingram, Herman Johnson, Sam R. Jones, Ollie King, Thurman King. These are the members of Camp Meade. You will note in this list most are from Nashville, all are Tennesseans, except one, he is from Lebanon, Pa.

Tell Webster, Frazier, Morford, Price Malone and White, I have just enough room in my Barrack for them left, hurry in the water is fine, for we are going to hang the Kaiser on the same apple tree, before we show up home. Hoping to hear from you all soon.

I remain your friend,

Oley B. Watkins, 1st Sergeant, Co. L, 36th Infantry.

## COLOR LINE FADES AT EXPERT'S HANDS.

Kansas City Firm Seeks Services of Expert Machinist—No White man Found who Could Deliver The Goods.

A manufacturing concern in Kansas City, Kans., needing the services of an expert machinist to do some scientific work, after searching the country over, found no one able to do the work except a colored man. The Standard, a colored newspaper, tells the story in the following manner:

"Thomas Railway Track Appliance Company had installed oil-burners in their furnace, but had not been able to get a fire hot enough to melt the iron. Experts had installed the new system, and had tied up the work at a great expense, because they could not get results. These were all white men of many years experience at furnace work."

The company installing the oil-burners had made the fire hot enough to melt the iron to no avail. Days passed; expense went on, but nothing accomplished.

The Appliance Company finally heard of Quinn, who was reached over long distance telephone and engaged at no small figures to come to Kansas City and make the new burners work.

Mr. Quinn came, and lo! he was a Negro, and put absolutely in charge; architects' plans and experts' work were ordered torn out and rebuilt. It was quite evident that a master mind was on the scene, and all so-called experts either took orders and executed them in the reconstruction of the plant or stood aside, looked amazed and spoke their surprise. They forgot the super-natural charm true to our American democracy, and took their hats off to the man who knows.

There is no color line at the top. The reconstruction temporarily completed yesterday, today Mr. Quinn lighted the burners at 8 o'clock, and in 2 1/2 hours metal in the furnace was too hot to pour into the molds. This is against 6, 8 and 10 hours when coal was used, to say nothing of the loss of hot metal and other drawbacks that increase expense.

The Thomas Railway Track Appliance Company, First and Washington, has this to say:

"Mr. L. P. Quinn, of Fairfield, Iowa, an expert on oil burnings for furnaces, and an unusual success, was engaged by the Thomas Railway Track Appliance Company of Kansas City, Kans., to remodel their furnace to burn oil instead of coal."

"Mr. Quinn has been with the Fairfield Malleable Iron Company for the past eleven years in capacity of foreman of their melting furnaces. His record in the same capacity for the National Malleable Casting Company of Indianapolis, Ind., the Central Malleable Casting Company, Decatur, Ill., Ellington Mfg. Company, Quincy, Ill., and International Harvester Company of the McCormick Division, Chicago. His success in his line of endeavor can readily be seen by visiting the Thomas Railway Track Appliance Co., Kansas City, Kans., whose furnace is completely equipped with this modern method of melting iron, which is one of the first to have great success of melting malleable iron with crude oil. Mr. Quinn has practically followed the foundry business all his time since leaving school, and is an all-around foundry man."

Portland Advocate.



MR. G. P. BAKER.

Superintendent Mt. Olive Baptist Sunday School.

The above is Mr. G. P. Baker the wide-awake foreman in the National Baptist Second Class Mailing Department. Mr. Baker is also superintendent of the Mt. Olive Baptist Sunday School, said to be the largest in the city. He has a most interesting family each one being talented. The Baker family consists of eight children, five of whom are in the Mt. Olive Church and the general public as well.

## A VOTE OF THANKS.

It seems as just yesterday when our great Progressive Baptist Convention met in Helena, Ark. Being hurried in our work toward the last, I don't think we took time to extend our thanks to the good people of Helena as we should have done. But I assure that it was simply an oversight of the head and not of the heart. For there was not a single man or woman in the Convention who did not feel the fervor of welcome given us by the good people of the First Baptist Church and city of Helena. The impression made upon each one of us will be as lasting as time itself.

The President of the Convention made his home with Mrs. A. H. Miller. It was there we had the most heart-felt sympathetic welcome that I have ever been on pleasure to have had given us upon such an occasion. There were many things in my stay in this beautiful home that caused me to remember her dear husband who had still hangs where he hung it when he took his bed for his relief in the other world. One cannot enter the dining room at any meal and look up but that he sees his hat worn by him before his demise. He in truth was a friend of the writer. I think this has been my first time in his home since he has gone but I nevertheless felt his hand of welcome as of yore. The family has a set of well-bred children who know how to make any one feel at home. Miss Katie Miller a very amiable young woman, a musician of no mean ability a great and grand entertainer of pleasing disposition had just returned a few months ago from Wilberforce where she graduated in Music. I am satisfied that this young lady will be heard from in the musical world.

Lucian Miller, the eldest son of Mrs. Miller is now holding a government position in Boston, Mass. He is doing well.

Pastor Long of the church wherein we met is one of the most congenial young ministers in our Southland. He is very active and has built up a very strong church. I have wondered why anyone has not admired such a character as Rev. G. A. Long. He is alert and quick of apprehension and very kind and courteous. He has a wife equal to her task to stand by the side of him. One cannot visit this young pastor and wife without feeling the presence of congeniality. The only thing in my mind that could make one misjudge this young man is jealousy. But God is using him and he is doing a great work in this most eastern city of Arkansas, on the banks of the "Father of Waters."

The First Baptist Church of Helena has made wonderful improvement. They have now a Sunday school department that meets in a separate room from the Church; and then they have a basement in which they have a dining room, kitchen pantry, and other necessities for church entertainment. Here the people can gather in their social church life and learn to work and serve. I regard the improvement in this church as being of great importance to the masses of our people in that city. This young man is a hero of the hour in this church work and one must know that there is now a different atmosphere in Helena as to what it was a few years ago, when liquor with its fire and power possessed the majority of the men. But now under prohibition, that kind of atmosphere has disappeared, every thing seems serene and peaceful and the masses seem to be living in a new day.

Rev. J. P. Robinson, D. D.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, of this city has just closed the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. Chas. Henry Clark. The celebration began on the night of Tuesday, December 11, and closed on Tuesday, December 18. On the opening night the seven deacons of the church conducted the prayer service, and on Wednesday, which was the Church Home-Coming, Rev. N. T. Storer, pastor of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, preached a powerful missionary sermon. On Thursday, Rev. G. B. Taylor, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, and one of Mr. Clark's best and ablest friends, preached the Sunday School and Educational Department was conducted by Messrs. G. P. Baker, D. R. Washington and Rev. H. A. Boyd. Sunday morning a model Sunday school was conducted at the hour of 9:30. At the 11 o'clock hour, Rev. Henry Allen Boyd, that erudite bundle of energy, in a most masterly manner preached an instructive and interesting sermon.

The crowning event of the celebration took place in the afternoon of Sunday at 3 o'clock, when the scholarly, gifted, eloquent, logical, silver-tongued orator in the person of the Rev. W. S. Ellington, pastor of the First Baptist Church, on the East Side, preached to a crowded house. He, as is his custom, waited his hearers to the realms of the blest and left all in a happier mood for having been present.

B. Y. P. U. services were conducted at 7 o'clock by the president, Mr. J. C. Maddox. On Monday night the celebration was of the social side and was carried out in the form of an elaborate banquet, at which many of the city's most prominent men and women of all denominations were present and spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Clark, its devoted pastor and its membership.

The celebration closed on the evening of Tuesday, December 18th, with a lecture on "The Negro in Ancient History" by the celebrated Rev. G. W. Woodbey, who is in the city from California.

## REMINISCENCE.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, located at the corner of Cedar street and Ninth Avenue, North, is one of the most imposing pieces of architecture in the city of Nashville. The building is two stories. The first floor contains the main Sunday school room, which is seated with opera chairs, having a seating capacity of about eight hundred. It also has a primary room for the boys and the girls, a recreation room, kitchen and dressing rooms for ladies and gents with all of the modern improvements and sanitary fixtures. The main auditorium is a marvel of beauty and comprises the larger portion of the second floor. The pastor's study leads directly into the auditorium. The seating capacity of the auditorium is between fifteen hundred and two thousand. This church is one of the many in Nashville, that can boast of a large pipe organ operated by an electric motor. The choir, under the efficient leadership of Prof. L. S. Gray, chorister and Mr. R. L. King, president, furnishes excellent music at all times.

Twenty-five years ago the Rev. Charles Henry Clark was called to the pastorate of this magnificent church, whose membership reaches into the thousands. It was under the pastorate of Dr. Clark that the church edifice was completed and the many modern and excellent improvements were installed. Being a progressive himself he is in hearty accord with all movements that tend to the rebuilding and uplift of the church and people spiritually, educationally and financially.

The pastor is a fearless, eloquent and fluent speaker, who preaches the word of the Lord and sends the truth home to the hearts of his hearers with a force that is convincing and telling in its effect. Rev. Dr. Clark is well and favorably known throughout the country and commands the respect of the white as well as the colored citizens in his home town.

For twenty-five years this church and its faithful pastor have stood on the threshold warning and admonishing all who have come within their confines to flee the wrath to come by entering in and being saved, and they will continue to tell all that "it is only a step to Jesus, then why not take it now."

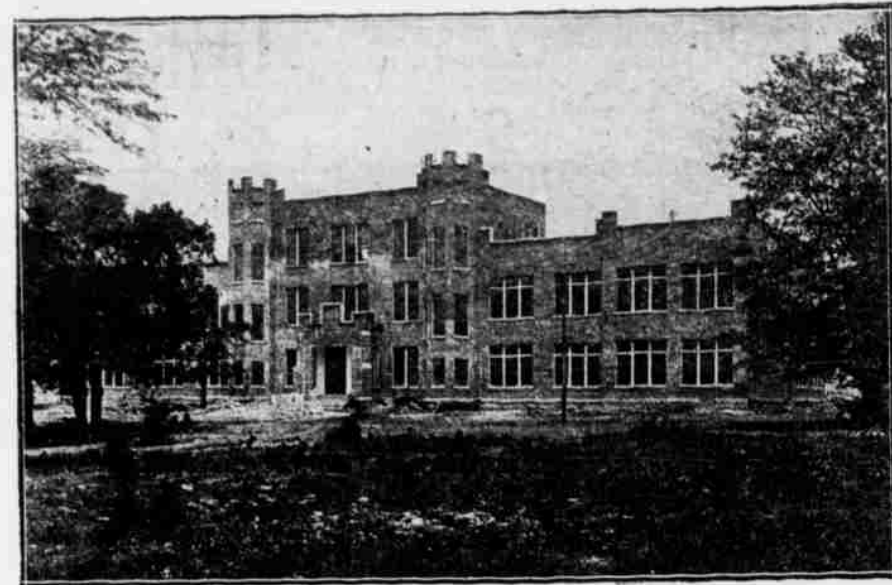
The pulpit of this church has been graced with some of the most noted men and women of both races. Some of the most celebrated singers, readers and some of the most eloquent orators in America have spoken from its pulpit. The membership of this church is made up of people from the humblest walks of life to some in the highest gift of the people.

Rev. Clark is the second pastor of this great people, Rev. R. T. Hoffman being their first pastor and founder, and Rev. A. G. Kenney, who at that time was professor of the Industrial Department of Roger Williams University was the supply pastor before the coming of the Rev. C. H. Clark, pastor.

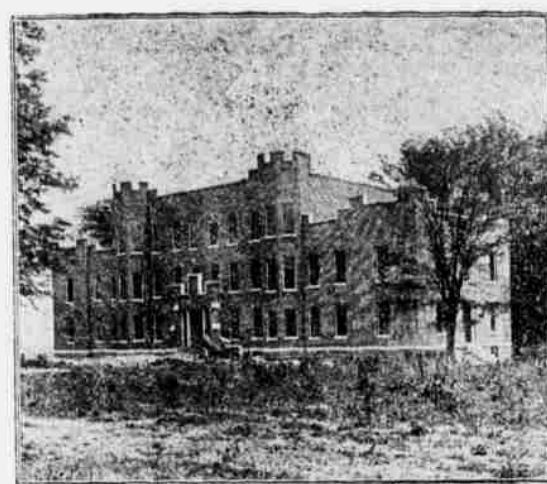
The wide-awake Sunday school of this church, under its efficient superintendent, officers and teachers, is a beehive of energy and inspiration to all who attend any of its services. It has had some of the race's most noted and distinguished men as superintendents during its existence. Some of the ex-superintendents are: Prof. G. S. Lytle, who is an alumnus of Fisk University, Mr. A. G. Had-dox, who is yet one of the active teachers, Dr. P. A. Dawson, a prominent physician, Hon. Wm. Henry Harrison, whom we all know and revere for his own self and his fearless fight against the Jim Crow before the United States Supreme Court and the late Rev. T. J. Lewis, who was tireless in his work for the uplift of the school, Dr. Jas. E. Hurt, a prominent practitioner of St. Louis, Mo., now in U. S. Army Reserve was also one of its superintendents. The present incumbent, Mr. G. P. Baker, a graduate of Pearl High School, is one of Nashville's most energetic and progressive young men, who boasts of a beautiful family of a wife, three daughters and one son.

Mt. Olive stands in Nashville as a beacon light to those who want to go heavenward and with open arms and beckoning hands invites those who are on the downward road to come into its folds and hear the cry before it is everlastingly too late. The church fosters a home for the aged members where they are taken and cared for without money and

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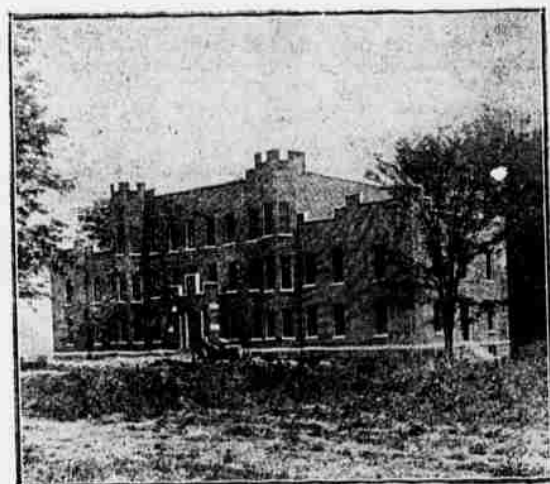
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without price. The auxiliaries of the church are in an excellent working order under the leadership of some of the most energetic and loyal women in its membership.

The National Baptist Convention, the Sunday School Congress, the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias and other national and local organizations are among those that have gathered within its sheltering care.

From this day forward the pastor with the loyal membership intends to go forward and to build the more orderly and to build the more stately mansions on any soil, for they have builded more wisely than they knew and generations to come shall rise up and call them blessed.

PROF. WORK AT PEABODY. Lectures on Folk Song of the American Negro.

Prof. J. W. Work recently lectured to the students and faculty of Peabody College for teachers upon the subject "Folk Song of the American Negro." He treated the music from the standpoint of history, psychology and art. He began by treating the Ethiopian as a subject of literature in the dawn of civilization on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. In those days he was a child of light and that light has been expressed in his song as it has sung itself through the ages. He also maintained successfully that this music has been evolved into the only real American music and that if we are ever to have a national music it must be based upon the melodies of the South, born in the hearts of the Negro slaves. Eminent musical authorities were adduced in support of this proposition. He made the point that every one of these songs is based upon the Holy Scriptures and therefore sacred, and that any song which the claim of Negro folk music is made, which is not sacred, or based upon the Bible, is not genuine.

The music was interpreted from the viewpoint of the Negro as well as from the standpoint of the world, showing the possibility of dual meaning of many songs. The speaker then proceeded to name and explain some characteristics of the music, such as scale, rhythm, flat 7 and paradox. "The Negro's music," he said, "is cast in two general molds, the height of joy and the depths of sorrow. He either sings 'Rise, Shine,' 'Great Camp Meeting,' 'Nobody Knows the Trouble I See,' there is hardly any middle ground. The history and de-

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Business is Business. Intimate Friend.—"Well, Bill, I heard you are preaching. Do you take notes?" Preacher—"I used to take notes, but now I demand the cash."

Ticked to Death. Stranger.—"Little boy, what would your mother say if she heard you use those words?"

Small boy.—"She'd be ticked to death if she could hear it. She's stone deaf."

Inquisitive Man.—"When the conductor found out you didn't have your fare, did he make you get off and walk?"

"Only get off. He didn't seem to care whether I walked or sat down."